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2ND ANNUAL FASHION SHOW AT DOUGLASS HARRISON



Upper (L - R) T.Scott, D.Battles, M.Bell, D.Tillery, S.Tillery, C.Gibson
Middle (L - R) T.Whitaker, L.Geronimo, J.Cook, T.Whitaker, G.McNeil
Bottom (L - R) K.Brown, M. Hill,R.Barnes, M.Hill, L.Tillery

MANAGEMENT NOTES

"HELP"

BY RAY BROWN

Mgmt. Maintenance Emergency Service System and how to use

Maintenance Emergency Service:

(973) 643-3766

As most residents are already aware, Management has implemented a Maintenance Emergency service system at Douglass Harrison

Week Night Service- Monday thru Friday

Starting 5:01

Ending 8:00am (following morning)

Weekend and Holiday Service

All Day

Residents are requested to call the NCC Central dispatch Station at 643-3766.

Residents must furnish the following info to the dispatcher:

1. First and last name
2. Street address and apt. number
3. Return telephone
4. Brief description of emergency

Residents are requested to follow-up their emergency Service call by calling the Maintenance Dept. the next business day to report the status of their call, i.e., was work completed, delay in responding, quality of repair ok, is additional repair necessary, etc..

Examples of Real Emergencies:

1. Cold or Hot water "line" breaks causing water to flow throughout your unit, as

well as others.

2. Steam line connected to radiator or running through your unit breaks causing water problems.
3. There is no heat in "ALL" your rooms

Examples of items "Not Emergencies:"

1. Drip or minor leak under sinks, pipes, radiators, windows or ceilings.
2. Your toilet, sink, or tub is stopped up.
3. No heat or low heat in one room.
4. Hot water is warm, but not hot enough.
5. Request for Security Service by Maintenance Staff.
6. Lost keys and request for access.
7. Cable installations, telephone installations and repairs.

Note: In case of an Emergency, the Maintenance will make temporary repair when necessary. In those instances, permanent repairs will be completed the next business day, during regular working hours.

Residents who obtain emergency service for non-emergencies will be fined as indicated below and their rental account will be billed accordingly.

Fine Schedule

\$25.00 Minimum charge for 1st call

\$15.00 Each additional call within 12-month period.

Fines are subject to monthly late charges when not paid by the fifth (5th) of month.

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Social Services: Sr. Kathy McGonigle, Sr. Lucinda Borders, Luisa Geronimo

Management: Raymond Brown, Juan Ortiz, Ruperta Nazario, Stanley Elliott.

MANAGEMENT NOTES

LET US IN!!!

Management's efforts to provide Pest Control Services to you.

By Ray Brown

No one is letting the exterminator into their unit to allow extermination services to be performed. As a result, please be advised of the following: Effective immediately, Management will enforce the following actions;

A. Those apartments not regularly participating in the Pest Control Program will be identified and have the appropriate notices entered into their rental file. This will adversely (negatively) affect their ability to:

1. Enter into a payment plan arrangements for past due monies owed to the landlord.
2. Apply for a transfer to another NCC Site
3. Relocate to another apartment within Douglass Harrison.
4. To be recognized as a good tenant and neighbor. Being a non-cooperative tenant will be brought to the attention of the judge when any legal activity is instigated against you.

B. Not regularly allowing Pest Control Services to be performed within your unit is a violation of your lease as your failure to cooperate will contribute to or cause the landlord to be unable to control insect and or rodent infestation within the site. Keeping your unit clean and safe includes control of insects and vermin.

Remember, no appointment is necessary. All you have to do is to be home on the 2nd Tuesday of the month between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 p.m.

"HOLD YOUR COOKING GREASE"

By Ray Brown

Used cooking grease must be placed in containers and thrown out with your household garbage in the dumpsters.

Emptying grease into your kitchen sink, bathroom drains, or toilet do not clear the drain lines from the building before they cause a slow build up which eventually causes a solid blockage of the system.

These types of costs are eventually passed on to all residents in the form of rent increases due to increased maintenance cases.

Please allow the grease to cool and solidify (harden). It will be much easier to place the solids into a plastic bag and discard with your household garbage.



Doris Moore, Sylvia Moore, Orville Moore, Shirley Drake, Girt Deever
and her sister Charlie enjoy the "Gala" Festivities.

SOCIAL SERVICE CORNER

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DOUGLASS HARRISON FASHION SHOW

(See Pictures on Front Page)

On February 24th Douglass Harrison hosted its Second Annual Fashion Show. The Gala was held at the Social Service Office where a great turn-out was received. The NCC Fashion Institute, as well as the residents themselves, provided the ensembles. The models were D-H residents and guests. The following description of the show is through the eyes of our Resident Fashion Commentator Edith Johnson.

"Tyquana Scott and Dominique Battles show off their dress and casual wear ensemble. Mimia Bell, a long-time D-H resident, sports a matching hat and scarf two-piece. Ms. Tikesha Whitaker's experience in professional modelling brings an added touch of elegance to the affair. Ms. Whitaker models three different formal outfits ... with class! Our own Luisa Geronimo catches an eye with her full bodied dress with bold stripes. Also featured is a special guest, Joyce Cook, a NCC Social Worker and Program Coordinator. Joyce designs authentic African Wear as a hobby. Gloria McNeill is very comfortable in her African American Wear. The enthusiasm grows as members of the audience are invited to model their wears. Two children and one adult come forward and put on a show. Our classy male group of four enjoys a moment of reflection as the finale ends our festive show on a happy note."

Following the Fashion Show, everyone was invited to have refreshments and enjoy each other's company. A special word of thanks goes to all of our wonderful models and to the Fashion Institute for providing a few of the ensembles.

Edith Johnson , D-H Resident

Sr. Lucinda Borders, Social Service

EASTER EGG HUNT

Looking for D-H children to be part of the Easter Egg Hunt. Come to the Park behind the Social Services Office THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH at 3:30 PM. Children 8 years old and younger MUST be accompanied by a parent. Parents are asked to sign-up their children at the Social Service Office by TUESDAY, APRIL 5th. We look forward to a fun afternoon. Come join us!

ST. ROSE SPRING FESTIVAL AND AUCTION

Just a reminder. St. Rose of Lima Spring Festival and Auction is SATURDAY, APRIL 25 Tickets are \$25.00 per person. The Party begins at 7 p.m. and includes a buffet supper and dancing and raffling of many prizes. The Festival WILL BE HELD at ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE GYM ON WEST MARKET STREET - NOT at the Recreation Center. Tickets may be purchased in the Social Service Office and transportation will be provided.

We would like to have a table of D-H Residents, so you will be sitting with people you know. This year, because you have supported our fund raisers so well, we will be able to help people who would like to attend the festival, but who find it pricey. We will have a drawing for Discount Tickets (1/2 price) in our office. So please come in and sign up by April 7th., and bring a \$5.00 deposit towards the ticket.
DON'T BE LEFT OUT - GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS SOON!

We are selling Raffle Tickets for the top three (3) prizes of the Festival. (\$1.00 EACH)

-1st PRIZE (\$1,000.00 Value)

Complete Home Music System

Sony R4300 Rack System

- 2nd PRIZE (\$500.00 VALUE)

27" RCA TV -Cable Ready Stereo

Remote RCA VCR - Stereo

- 3rd PRIZE (\$300.00 VALUE)

(\$300.00 Pathmark Supermarket Certificate

RESIDENT/MANAGEMENT/SOCIAL SERVICE MEETING

This month's Resident's Meeting is TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST at 6:00 PM in the Social Service Office. We welcome all to attend this meeting. Come and have your voice heard!

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THRIFT SALE

Once again, we will have a Thrift Sale on FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There will be CLOTHES of all sizes and NEW TOYS for the children on sale at real bargain prices. So, come and bring a friend.

BROWN BAG PAYMENT

Brown Bag Payment will be accepted on APRIL 2, (THURSDAY) and APRIL 6 (MONDAY). Brown bag pick-up will be MONDAY, APRIL 27.

**WE AT SOCIAL SERVICES WANT TO WISH ALL D-H RESIDENTS
A VERY HAPPY EASTER. MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH LOVE AND
FULLNESS OF LIFE THAT WILL BRING YOU PEACE.**

MARCH

RESIDENT-MANAGEMENT- SOCIAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

28 Residents present

1) REPORT FROM ADVISORY MEETING

GOSPEL EXPLOSION will happen June 27, 1998 at the Recreation Center on Hayes Street. This event, which will include many different choirs, is a resident activity to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of New Community. It is also a fund raiser that will benefit the different Resident Associations. Tickets are \$5.00; \$7.00 at the door; \$3.00 for children. Two D-H Residents volunteered to help sell tickets.

MEETING WITH COUNCILMAN BRANCH AND MR. HOWARD LAZARUS was March 11. The issues discussed were the possibility of closing Hayes St and having a traffic light at Pathmark. Results will be reported next month.

2. REPORT FROM MANAGEMENT

RENT BILLS: Everyone present understood the new Rent Bill Process.

CRIME IN BUILDINGS: Police now have access to all the buildings and are doing surprise routine raids. Federal Agents are also active on Somerset and Barclay Streets. If there is any violence, drugs or continuous disruptions in your building call police and let management know as well. A concerned resident has reached out to City Hall to have an increase in police presence in the building.

HEATING SYSTEM : Management is investigating resident concerns about heat regulations in the units.

DATES FOR CRIME PREVENTION SEMINAR are **TUESDAYS, MARCH 31, APRIL 28 AND MAY 26** at 6.00 PM in the Recreation Center on Hayes Street. Transportation will be provided. Officer Herbert will be the instructor. Anyone else interested, please contact the Social Service Office.

3) REPORT FROM SOCIAL SERVICES

NCC SURVEY: All were encouraged to do the survey and come to the Social Service Office for help in completing it if needed.

All were asked to support and participate in April's Activities - Thrift Sale (April 3), Easter Egg Hunt (April 9) and the Spring Festival (April 25).

The meeting ended with three (3) Raffles and light refreshment to celebrate the "Irish" in all of us!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Brown Bag Payment Due	11 - 3 Sale at D.H. Social Svc.Ofc.	
5	Brown Bag Payment due	6 Deadline for parents to sign up children for Easter Egg Hunt	7	8 2:00 Social Svc. Staff Meeting	9 3:30 Easter Egg Hunt in the Park behind Social Svc.Ofc.	10 Office Closed Good Friday Passover
Palm Sunday						
12		13 3:30 p.m. Donuts	14	15	16	17
Easter Sunday						
19		20 6:00 pm Residents, Mgt., Social Sservice Mtg.	21	22 2:00pm Social Svc. Staff Mtg.	23	24
						25 7P.M. - Midnight Spring Festival and Auction- Get Raffle and Admission Tickets in Social Service Office
26	3:00 - 4:00 Brown Bag Pickup	27	28	29	30 3:30p.m.Donuts	



Rosemary Weaver, a Loyola University Volunteer, is available to assist Regina El-Anevu completet the NCCSurvey



Johnny and Shantizu Jones have great fun with Mariaelena Raymond, a volunteer from Loyola University, as dad looks on.